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## MEMORIAL DAY 1984:

## Honoring Those Who Rest in Gallant Ranks.

Many Americans observe an emotional Memorial Day tradition. Remembering those who live on in our lives — and in the life of their beloved land — we mark this day by visiting a National Cemetery.

This honored tradition dates back to the opening of the first National Cemetery, in 1862. One hundred years later, there were 85 such cemeteries — but half were less than 10 acres. And a non-expansion policy was announced: Only Arlington would be enlarged.

In 1873, Congress opened up National Cemeteries to all honorably discharged Union veterans of the Civil War. One hundred years later, the policy of non-expansion was reversed by Congress.

Passage of the National Cemeteries Act brought the system to the Veterans Administration and authorized the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to establish new cemeteries and expand existing ones. Today, there are 108 — located in some of the most scenic regions of

our nation. And each of these great wooded, rolling, natural shrines is a serenely reverent resting place for our Nation's veterans and their dependents.

President Reagan elaborated on their appropriateness by saying: "No citizen will ever receive higher commitment than to the hallowed ground of our National Cemeteries. No greater honor can be bestowed than to rest in the gallant ranks of those who struggled to preserve our spiritual and national values for all posterity."

Today — at National Cemeteries throughout the Nation — we salute all those in "gallant ranks" who helped defend our country and preserve our freedom. Those on active duty will be remembered — as will the various branches of services to which they belong. But mostly, we honor our heroic war dead.

More than a million in number, they died at home and abroad. Each had their individual experiences, in life and in death. Each sacrificed in a

particular way, in a particular action for a particular objective.

Only their closest friends knew their hopes and doubts, their successes and disappointments, their dreams and fears. We know only that they desired, and deserved, to live.

Yet — in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it — they were willing to pay freedom's highest price. In so doing, they remind us to be appreciative and to gain strength from their devotion and patriotism. They inspire us to honor our dead and the cause for which they died.

"It is for us, the living, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work, which they have thus far so nobly advanced," said Abraham Lincoln. "It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead, we take increased devotion..."

So we mark this day by remembering it is up to us to give meaning to their sacrifice. For they have done all that they can do.

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## Technicalities of a 'resignation'

Merv Sweigert, of: "If you can run if over I'll cook it" fame, had by administrative definition turned in his "resignation" during the Christmas break.

Sweigert, the Food Supervisor since '76, defined it as a "political move" by the Hardt administration to fill staff ranks with "yes men."

Although Sweigert was approached by law officers at this home no charges have been filed or even specified.

According to Sweigert he was called into Hardt's office and questioned about inventory and funds. Hardt and John Totten, Dean of Occupational Education, made vague allegations of misappropriation of both inventory and funds. Sweigert said the Hardt informed him that he could either accept a 30 day suspension or resign. "Using hindsight" Sweigert said of his resignation, "this was the wrong decision."

Barbara Ruiz, lead worker for food services, said the problems began when the business office pressured the cafeteria to turn in a inventory report early.

Ruiz, a ten year employee, said that the standard practice required five days to conduct the inventory with both Sweigert and herself working together on it. Among other things the paper work required that all meat be physically weighed and accounted for.

To meet the early deadline Sweigert conducted and completed the inventory in one-and-a-half days unassisted. Sweigert says that his books are straight.

Mike Cunnane, Food Service instructor, was elevated to acting Food Supervisor. One of Cunnane's first great acts was to remove the classic "Merv-burger" from the menu. On Jan. 10, Cunnane dug out from the freezer over 20 slices of healthy prime-rib steaks and placed them in a garbage dumpster for disposal.

The Food Service program is the brain-child of John Totten. In the summer of '82, Totten convinced the Board of Trustees that this program was infallible.

The Food Services program has failed to enroll and hold enough students as Totten predicted. The class did show a profit. However, this was partly because they didn't have to figure in food cost which came off Sweigert's budget.

The paperwork previously the responsibility of Ruiz has now been redirected through Totten's office. Cunnane changed the cash register code so that now he alone accounts for all cash flow unlike the previous system of double checking by Sweigert and Ruiz.

Ruiz said that they are building an excuse to liquidate her position and in the long run her employment at Hartnell.

Don't put no constrictions on da people. Leave 'em ta hell alone.

Jimmie Durante (1893 - )  
American comedian

Federal Communications Commission  
California State Senate

This concludes the partial list of supporters of the student newspaper, the **Panther Sentinel**.

PANTHER  
**SENTINEL**

May 24, 1984

3rd issue, 49th year

## Court decision for Vassallo

Former Hartnell science instructor, Dr. Marilyn Vassallo, was awarded \$405 in wages and \$23 in court cost against Hartnell college on Feb. 24, 1984.

The small claims decision involved Hartnell's employment of a part-time instructor to substitute teach a biology class which Vassallo was entitled to teach.

Education code section 87744 (Rights of terminated employee) states "...in the order of original employment, offered prior opportunity for temporary service during the absence of any other employee who has been granted a leave of absence or who is temporarily absent from duty."

The rights are effective for 39 months after first termination. Vassallo has been laid-off for less than 12 months.

According to Vassallo a check from Hartnell has not been received. Hartnell Dean, Larry Elder, did not file an appeal until two days after the 30-day limit had expired.

Vassallo also has a case pending against Hartnell for unwarranted termination of her position.

Vassallo has a Master's degree in Marine Biology from California State (Moss Landing) but at the April '83 lay-off hearings, Elder claimed that she wasn't qualified to instruct because she didn't have a "minor" in the science.

According to Dr. Vassallo, Richard Ajeska, another science instructor, has the same degree she has and is still employed at Hartnell. Vassallo said, "we even took the same courses together, and he's qualified while I'm not."

## For the record

Someone, somewhere, at sometime I'm sure has asked: Is the newspaper on campus called; the **Panther Sentinel** or the **New Guard**? Or is it the **Panther Sentinel/New Guard**? If it is the **Panther Sentinel** why was it called the **New Guard**? or, if it is the **New Guard** why is it called the **Panther Sentinel**?

No, this paper does not suffer an identity complex. Here is a brief explanation:

At the beginning of this school year Dr. James Hardt decided to show who was the boss and how much power he has. He indirectly informed the newspaper that we could not use the **Panther Sentinel** name. His reasoning, we were indirectly informed, was that the student paper didn't exist.

For a non-existent organization we were suppose to comply with an incredible amount of contradictory red-tape. In the interest of getting the paper off the ground we went along with the silly game perpetrated by silly people.

While on this idiotic roller coaster of red-tape we simultaneously requested a copy of the "official legal right" that the administration claimed they had on the **Panther Sentinel**.

Unsurprisingly such verification never materialized.

Well I now declare that this paper is for now and ever more: the **PANTHER SENTINEL**. I can do that. I'm the editor. I'm also a student who compiles this paper in the interest of student information. That makes this a student paper. Even someone with a Doctorate should be able to figure that out.

Lastly, the following list of organizations believe the student newspaper to be the **Panther Sentinel**:

Veterans Administration  
Congress of the United States  
California Republican Party  
The New York Music Company  
Golden Gate Alliance  
Utah Shakespearean Festival  
California Community Colleges  
The Population Institute  
Cass Student Advertising, Inc.

**Stranger Than Fiction Part I**

## **Orphans, bogeymen, and omnivorous shadows**

By JEFF DENECKE

*There was always a minority afraid of something, and a great majority afraid of the dark, afraid of the future, afraid of the past, afraid of the present, afraid of themselves and shadows of themselves.*

Ray Bradbury  
*The Martian Chronicles*

Savior faire be damned along with apoplectic inducing policy.

This is only the third issue of the Panther Sentinel/New Guard student newspaper this academic year. Not what many would identify with a colossal achievement. In comparison to the 48 year history of this paper this year is already a dozen issues behind the usual historic pace.

However, production for the sake of impressive numbers has never been the objective of this paper.

My personal objective was to demonstrate that the Sentinel, despite the absence of the pretentious official blessing, was not anything less than what the contributory staff made it to be. Something along the paralleling lines of:

a child cannot be illegitimate, only parents can be illegitimate.

James Hardt, Hartnell's president, "exiled" student newspaper efforts. Somehow this "orphanhood" frightened several staff members and left them feeling blemished by this bogus stigma. Amazingly, many students accepted this fate and withdrew in drone-like fashion to less imposing quarters.

Still other staff members lost their nerve when the monthly responsibility to stories and deadlines approached reality. A few contributed what they could as best they could and didn't wallow in self-serving braggadocio.

Two students, who each contributed one story apiece, quit in a huff when their stories didn't make it to print.

This business, like any other, has its disappointments. They couldn't handle one. Worst yet, the didn't have the "cojones" to question why. People shouldn't feel traumatized at an opportunity to seek an answer. Pouting accomplishes nothing.

However, here is a quick explanation for the questions never asked: The stories were cut because the tabloid was reduced

from a planned eight pager, to a four pager, due to a lack of material brought on by unrespected deadlines. Newspaper pages, for those of you not in the know, are produced by increments of four (4, 8, 12, etc.).

Their stories were cut because they were not working one fine rainy Sunday in Carmel piecing together the lay-out as I did while my car was being ticketed for over-parking (I took that ticket to court and had it dismissed, but that's another story).

Hell, I cut an article that easily beat the deadline, was well written, and claimed it was the absolute truth. This article challenged anyone to find a flaw in it and claimed it would benefit all my readers.

I cut this article from a stranger who addressed me as "Dear Editor" and thanked me profusely in advance for printing the message. They even offered to pay a meager amount of money, if necessary, from their non-profit, government recognized, Christian organization.

In essence I told God almighty I didn't have any room in my humble four-pager for any promotional articles no matter how true or beneficial to my readers. The

pig-in-a-poke posturing by Gov. Duke and Willie Brown was more timely at the time.

Have I been turned into a pillar of salt? Or suffered any other of the wrath demonstrations in HIS biblical repertoire? The sprained ankle, poison ivy, and torture of having a babbling tower of administrators to deal with are all of coincidental misfortune, I'm sure.

Yes, I am the editor. I denied God room and I don't have a staff. Again, impressive numbers was never the objective. Upon completion of this paper I will relinquish my position with Hartnell newspaper efforts. I still firmly believe in the necessity of a student-operated and controlled newspaper.

Hopefully, a few students (at least) who are argumentative, conscientious and inquisitive, will bring the Sentinel to the half-century mark of publication. Not for the sake of a anniversary celebration but rather under the premise that each individual voice is valuable, authoritative tenets are questionable and leaders responsible for the common good.

The bogeyman is a mere shadow. Expose delusions.

## **Is nuclear war inevitable?**

By A. RUSSO

Many doomsayers on both the Left and Right would have the American people believe that nuclear war is inevitable. The Left uses this fear of a Hiroshima-style conflagration as a device to frighten the populace into embracing the nuclear freeze and unilateral disarmament. The Right uses these scare tactics as a device to convince us that America's military posture must be significantly strengthened, a justifiable position in view of the Soviet Union's pronounced superiority over the U.S. in the strategic nuclear field. However, do these disciples of fear truly believe that nuclear war is unavoidable? Is there an element of sincere belief in an otherwise "hidden agenda"?

There is no question that the Soviet Union has the capability to fight and win a nuclear war. Their massive defensive weaponry and civil defense programs guarantee the Kremlin Killers an acceptable loss of life in a two-way exchange with the United States. The U.S., on the other hand, possesses no credible defensive weapons or civil defense system. A

Soviet first strike would incinerate most of our strategic triad and a U.S. retaliation with the surviving weapons would be easily absorbed by Moscow. A second-strike could then be unleashed which would force Washington's unconditional surrender. Although the Soviet Union can win a nuclear conflagration (as they themselves say), that does not assure that they will unleash their awesome arsenal upon us. Why should they?

Ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt rescued the Russian Bolsheviks from collapse in 1983 (through U.S. recognition of their bloody tyranny), the United States has kept their bankrupt system alive. Through our loans, grain, credit, machinery, technology, and industrial equipment, the Soviet Union has advanced to the level of superpower with a giant nuclear fist. If Standard Oil had not built them refineries, if John K. Calder Co. had not built them tractor factories, if Arthur G. Mackee Co. had not helped build the Magnitogorsk steel plants, if Henry Ford had not built the Gorki automobile works, if General Electric had not built the Kharkov electrical facility, if

McKee Corp. had not built them the largest iron and steel plant in the world, if Col. Hugh Cooper had not built the Dnieprostroi hydroelectric plant, if Rockefeller and Eaton had not built them 10 rubber plants and an aluminum-producing plant, if Dresser Industries had not built the Kuibyshev drill bit plant, if C.E. Lummus Co. had not built them a petrochemical plant in the Ukraine, if I.B.M., Sperry-Rand, Control Data, and Rockwell had not provided them with ultra-sophisticated computers, if Occidental Petroleum had not developed their Siberian gas fields and built them ammonia fertilizer plants, if Bryant Chipping Grinder Co. had not sold them precision ball-bearings (to upgrade missile accuracy), if Rockefeller, General Motors, I.B.M., Rockwell, Honeywell, Westinghouse, and Ingersoll-Rand had not built them the Kama River truck plant (the largest in the world), if Allis-Chalmers had not built them an iron ore pelletizing plant, if Edlow International Co. had not fueled their power stations, if Caterpillar Tractor was not now building the Siberian natural gas pipeline, if

greedy farmers were not selling them grain, if corrupt Wall Street banks were not advancing them loans and credits on generous, taxpayer-insured terms, the Soviet Union would today pose as much of a threat to the U.S. as Togo.

The fact is that America is the Red Beast's trough. Would it honestly want to pulverize its feedbag? The Kremlin needs the gravy train to continue unabated in order to maintain its slave empire, in order to assure its own survival. Why would it want to ruin such a neat arrangement by launching SS-18s?

Essentially, the made-in-U.S.A. nuclear arsenal of the U.S.S.R. is a "bogeyman" intended to frighten the masses of Middle America into accepting the New World Order that both the Communists and our internationalist rulers are always dreaming of.

While it is imperative that America not neglect its insurance policy — its strategic nuclear arsenal, and acts to regain uncontested military superiority, we must not be taken in by the doomsayers who tell us nuclear war is inevitable. It isn't.

## **Bob Kennedy Crop Hall of Famer**

A Hartnell professor's resourcefulness has garnered him a spot in the Crop Professionals Hall of Fame and Hartnell a contract with the largest crop consulting organization in the U.S.

Agriculture Professor Bob Kennedy used the computers at Hartnell for handling the record keeping needs of his chapter of the California Agricultural Production Consultants Association.

His system for keeping records of the continuing education credits for the Monterey Bay Chapter of CAPCA proved so successful that all 15 chapters in the state asked for the service.

The state of California requires all Pest Control Advisors to renew their licenses every two years and show how they have upgraded themselves professionally.

Kennedy has added another service. He now mails advanced notices of upcoming agricultural meetings to 1700

members throughout the state. Last year 882 meetings received advanced publicity through this service.

I'm sure attendance at Extension Service Meetings has doubled and it's become much easier for the staff to communicate their research results to the people out there who need it," says Kennedy.

Recently Kennedy launched another innovative program for CAPCA.

In recent years CAPCA has vigorously increased their involvement in politics and speaking up for agriculture. CAPCA has formed a Political Action Committee and hires professional lobbyists.

Kennedy has computerized a Telephone Action Network which seems likely to have a great impact.

"Bob Kennedy is one of those rare individuals who sees a need and has a solution for it," says Ag Consultants Magazine.

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# 1984 Welcome to George's nightmare

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The name that appeared on the cover of the book when it was first published was *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. George Orwell, the author of that book, lay in a sanatorium bed a victim of a tuberculosis at that time in June 1949.

For those of you who have never read *1984* we hope these excerpts ser as an appetizer for your curiosity. For those of you who already have enjoyed the story of Winston Smith, then we offer this as a reminder of what a nightmare can really be like.

“It was not by making yourself heard but by staying sane that you carried on the human heritage.”



The essential act of war is destruction, not necessarily of human lives, but of the products of human labor. War is a way of shattering to pieces, or pouring into the stratosphere, or sinking in the depths of the sea, materials which might otherwise make the masses too comfortable, and hence, in the long run, too intelligent.



A Party member is expected to have no private emotions and no respite from enthusiasm. He is supposed to live in a continuous frenzy of hatred of foreign enemies and internal traitors, triumph over victories, and self-abasement before the power and wisdom of the Party. The discontents produced by his bare, unsatisfying life are deliberately turned outwards and dissipated by such devices as the Two Minute Hate, and the speculations which might possibly induce a skeptical or rebellious attitude are killed in advance by his early acquired inner discipline. The first and simplest stage in the discipline, which can be taught even to young children, is called in Newspeak, Crimestop. Crimestop means the faculty of stopping short, as though by instinct, at the threshold of any dangerous thought. It includes the power of not grasping analogies, of failing to perceive logical errors, of misunderstanding the simplest arguments if they are inimical to Ingsoc, and of being bored or repelled by any train of thought which is capable of leading in a heretical direction. Crimestop, in short, means protective stupidity. But stupidity is not enough. On the contrary, orthodoxy in the full sense demands a control over one's mental process as complete as that of a contortionist over his body. Oceanic society rests ultimately on the belief that Big Brother is omnipotent and that the Party is infallible. But since in reality Big Brother is not omnipotent and the Party is not infallible, there is a need for an unwearing, moment to moment flexibility in the treatment of facts. The key word here is blackwhite. Like so many Newspeak facts. The key word here is blackwhite. Like so many Newspeak words, this word has two mutually contradictory meanings. Applied to an opponent, it means the habit of impudently claiming that black is white, in contradiction of the plain facts. Applied to a Party member, it means a loyal willingness to say that black is white when Party discipline demands this. But it means also the ability to believe that black is white, and more, to know that black is white, and to forget that one has ever believed the contrary. This demands a continuous alteration of the past, made possible by the system of thought which really embraces all the rest, and which is known in Newspeak as doublethink.

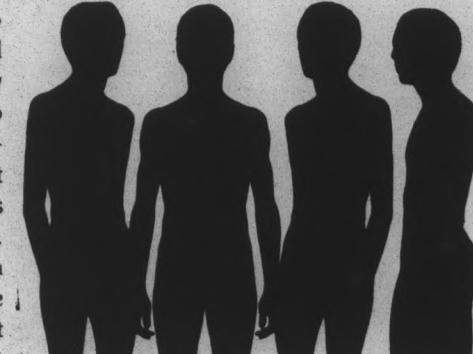
“Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we will make thoughtcrime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it.”

One of these days, thought Winston with sudden conviction, Syme will be vaporized. He is too intelligent. He sees clearly and speaks too plainly. The Party does not like such people. One day he will disappear. It is written in his face.



It struck him that in moments of crisis one is never fighting against an external enemy but always against one's own body.

War, it will be seen, not only accomplishes the necessary destruction, but accomplishes it in a psychologically acceptable way. In principle it would be quite simple to waste the surplus labor of the world by building temples and pyramids, by digging holes and filling them up again, or even by producing vast quantities of goods and then setting fire to them. But this would provide only the economic and not the emotional basis for a hierarchical society. What is concerned here is not the morale of the masses, whose attitude is unimportant so long as they are kept steadily at work, but the morale of the Party itself. Even the humblest Party member is expected to be competent, industrious, and even intelligent within narrow limits, but it is also necessary that he should have the mentality appropriate to a state of war.



Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them.



But actually, he thought as he readjusted the Ministry of Plenty's figures, it was not even forgery. It was merely the substitution of one piece of nonsense for another.

The two aims of the Party to conquer the whole surface of the earth and to extinguish once and for all the possibility of independent thought. There are therefore two great problems that the Party is concerned to solve. One is how to discover, against his will, what another human being is thinking, and the other is how to kill several hundred million people in a few seconds without giving warning beforehand.

All the beliefs, habits, taste, emotions, mental attitudes that characterize our time are really designed to sustain the mystique of the Party and prevent the true nature of present-day society from being perceived. Physical rebellion, or any preliminary move toward rebellion, is at present not possible. From the proletarians nothing is to be feared. Left to themselves, they will continue from generation to generation and century to century, working, breeding, and dying, not only without any impulse to rebel, but without the power of grasping that the world could be other than it is. They could only become dangerous if the advance of industrial technique made it necessary to educate them more highly; but, since military and commercial rivalry are no longer important, the level of popular education is actually declining. What opinions the masses hold, or do not hold, is looked on as a matter of indifference. They can be granted intellectual liberty because they have no intellect. In a Party member, on the other hand, not even the smallest deviation of opinion on the most unimportant of subjects can be tolerated.

The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command.

In a way, the world-view of the party imposed itself most successfully on people incapable of understanding it. They could be made to accept the most flagrant violations of reality, because they never fully grasped the enormity of what was demanded of them, and were not sufficiently interested in public events to notice what was happening. By lack of understanding they remained sane. They simply swallowed everything, and what they swallowed did them no harm, because it left no residue behind, just as a grain of corn will pass undigested through the body of a bird.

It was terribly dangerous to let your thoughts wander when you were in any public or within range of a telescreen. The smallest thing could give you away. There was even a word for it in Newspeak: face crime, it was called.



It hardly need be said that the subtlest practitioners of doublethink know that it is a vast system of mental cheating. In our society, those who have the best knowledge of what is happening are also those who are the furthest from seeing the world as it is. In general, the greater the understanding the greater the delusion: the more intelligent, the less sane.



We cannot divide ourselves between right and expedience. Policy must bow the knee before morality.

Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)  
German philosopher

I ought, therefore I can.

Ibid.

The freedom of the press throughout the world where the capitalist rule, is the freedom to buy up papers, the freedom to buy writers, to buy and manufacture public opinion in the interest of the capitalists.

V.I. Lenin (1870-1924)  
Russian revolutionist

The bloody capitalists cannot conclude an honorable peace. They can conclude only a dishonorable peace, based upon the division of spoils.

Ibid.

Only after the Proletariat has disarmed the Bourgeoisie will it be able, without destroying its world historical mission, to throw all armaments on the scrap heap.

Ibid.

To despise legitimate authority, no matter in whom it is invested, is unlawful; it is rebellion against God's will.

Leo XIII (1810-1903)  
Pope

Inciting to revolution is treason, not only against man, but also against God.

Ibid.

No tin hat brigade of goose-stepping vigilantes or Bible-babbling mob of blackguarding and corporation-paid scoundrels will prevent the onward march of labor.

John L. Lewis (b. 1880)  
American labor leader.

We begin with a child of three. As soon as he begins to think, we press a little flag into his hand. Then comes school, Hitler Youth, the Storm Troops, military service. We do not leave him alone for one minute. When all is over, the Labor Front comes and takes possession of him again, and does not let him go until death.

Robert Ley (1890-suicide 1945)  
Chief of Nazi German Labor Front

The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even one hundred defeats.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-assassinated 1865)  
16th President of the United States

If by the mere force of numbers a majority should deprive a of any clearly written constitutional right, it might, in a moral of an clearly written constitutional right, it might, in a moral point of view, justify revolution — certainly would if the right were a vital one.

Ibid.

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.

Ibid.

To plunder, to slaughter, to steal, these things they misname empire; and where they make a desert, they call it peace.

Caligula (84 A.D.)

The fields were fruitful, and starving men moved on the roads. The granaries were full and to the children of the poor grew up rachitic, and the pastures of pellagra swelled on their side. The great companies did not know that the line between hunger and anger is a thin line.

John Steinbeck (1902 - )

When you pick up your morning or evening newspaper and think you are reading the news of the world, what you are really reading is a propaganda which has been selected, revised, and doctored by some power which has a financial interest in you.

Upton Sinclair (b. 1878)  
American author, socialist

The individual is right when he negates the mass production of souls and hearts and conceives life as a creative design and not a pre-fabricated pattern.

Ignazio Silone (b. 1900)  
Italian novelist

Only when exploitation is annihilated, where there is no oppression of some by others, no unemployment, no beggary, and no trembling for fear that a man may on the morrow lose his work, his habitation, and his bread — only there is true freedom found.

Joseph Stalin (1879-1953)  
Communist dictator, U.S.S.R.

To understand is hard. Once one understands, action is easy.

Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925)  
Founder of the Kuomintang

Without hypocrisy, lying, punishments, prisons, fortresses and murders, no new paper can arise and no existing one hold its own.

Leo N. Tolstoy (1828-1910)  
Russian writer

Der Fiend steht im eigenen Lager — The main enemy is at home.

Karl Liebknecht (1871-assassinated 1919)  
German Socialist politician

Thought that is silenced is always rebellious...Majorities, of course, are often mistaken. This is why silencing of minorities is necessarily dangerous. Criticism and dissent are the indispensable antidote to major delusions.

Alan Barth (b. 1906)  
American writer

A pacifist is as surely a traitor to his country and to humanity as is the most brutal wrongdoer.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)  
26th President of the United States

The first requisite for the people's happiness is the abolition of religion.

Karl Marx (1818-1883)  
German Socialist

Law, morality, religion, are to him (the proletarian) so many bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush just as many bourgeois interest.

Ibid.

The rich will do everything for the poor but get off their backs.

Ibid.

In a country well governed poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed wealth is something to be ashamed of.

Confucius  
(551-479 B.C.)  
Chinese philosopher

The superior man understands what is right; the inferior man understands what will sell.

Ibid.

Men fear silence as they fear solitude, because both give them a glimpse of the terror of life's nothingness.

Andre Maurois (b. 1885)  
French writer

Blood alone moves the wheels of history.

Benito Mussolini (1883-1945)  
Italian fascist dictator

I see the world as what it really is: that is to day, as a world of unleashed egotism.

Ibid.

A nation must have a religion, and that religion must be under the control of the government.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)  
Emperor of France

Patriotism is often an arbitrary veneration of real estate above principles...

George Nathan (1882-1958)

A married philosopher is a comic character.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)  
German philosopher

What is bad? All that proceeds from weakness.

Ibid.

Success has always been a great liar.

Ibid.

Nobody dies nowadays of fatal truths: there are too many antidotes to them.

Ibid.

When I hear the word "Culture" I slip back the sagely catch on my revolver.

Hanns Johst (b. 1890)  
German Writer

I am in earnest. I will not equivocate — I will not excuse — I will not retreat an inch — AND I WILL BE HEARD. The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and to hasten the resurrection of the dead.

William Garrison (1805-1879)  
American abolitionist

If man is not made for God, why is he happy only in God? If man is made for God, why is he opposed to God?

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)  
French writer, geometrician

How many a dispute could have been deflated into a single paragraph if the disputants had dared to define their terms.

Aristotle

You make talk of tyranny of Nero and Tiberius, but the real tyranny is the tyranny of your next-door neighbor. What espionage of despotism comes to your door so effectively as the eye of the man who lives at your door? Public opinion is a permeating influence. It requires us to think other men's thoughts, to speak other men's words, to follow other men's habits.

Walter Bagehot (1826-1877)

The passion for destruction (is) a creative passion.

Mikhail A. Bakunin (1814-1876)

There are but three ways for the populace to escape its wretched lot. The first two are by the route of the wine-shop or the church; the third is by that of social revolution.

Ibid.

Our first work must be the annihilation of everything as it now exists.

Ibid.

When we lose our individual independence in the corporateness of a mass movement, we find a new freedom — freedom to hate, bully, lie, torture, murder, and betray without shame and remorse. Herein undoubtedly lies part of the attractiveness of a mass movement.

Eric Hoffer (b. 1902)  
San Francisco longshoreman

Thus blind faith is to a considerable extent a substitute for the lost faith in ourselves; insatiable desire a substitute for hope; accumulation a substitute for growth; fervent hustling a substitute for purposeful action, and pride a substitute for unattainable self-respect.

Ibid

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)  
English writer

The mass crushes beneath it everything that is different, everything that is excellent, individual, qualified, and select. Anybody who is not like everybody, who does not think like everybody, runs the risk of being eliminated.

Jose Ortega y Gasset (1883-1955)  
Spanish philosopher, politician

I am I plus my circumstances.

Ibid.

People don't mind if you betray humanity, but if you betray your club, you are considered a renegade.

Arthur Koestler (b. 1905)  
Hungarian novelist

Historic responsibility has to make up for the want of legal responsibility. Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

John E. E. Dalberg (1834-1902)

I believed that no people ever yet groaned under the heavy yoke of slavery but when they deserved it.

Samuel Adams (1771-1803)

Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.

John Adams (2nd President of the U.S.)

The preservation of the means of knowledge among the lowest ranks is of more importance to the public than all the property of all the rich men in the country.

Ibid.



The size of the lie is a definite factor in causing it to be believed, for the vast masses of a nation are in the depths of their hearts more easily deceived than they are consciously and intentionally bad. The primitive simplicity of their minds renders them a more easy prey to a big lie than a small one, for they themselves often tell little lies but would be ashamed to tell big ones.

Adolph Hitler (1899-1945)  
German chancellor

Every world moving idea has not only the right, but also the duty of securing those means which make possible the execution of the idea.

Ibid.

War is the most simple affirmation of life. Suppress war, and it would be like trying to suppress the process of nature. These are also terrible. Every living thing is terrible.

Joseph Goebbels  
(1897-suicide 1945)  
German Nazi propaganda minister

If the day should ever come when we (the Nazis) must go, if some day we are compelled to leave the scene of history, we will slam the door so hard that the universe will shake and mankind will stand back in stupefaction.

Ibid.

An aggressive war is the great crime against everything good in the world. A defensive war, which must necessarily turn aggressive at the earliest moment, is the necessary great counter-crime. But never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime. Ask the infantry and ask the dead.

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)  
American writer — Nobel Prize, 1954

The minority, the ruling class at present, has the schools and the press, usually the Church as well, under its thumb. This enables it to organize and sway the emotions of the masses, and make its tool of them.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

It is characteristic of the military mentality that non-human factors (atom bombs, strategic bases, weapons of all sorts, the possession of raw materials, etc.) are held essential, while the human being, his desires and thoughts — in short, the psychological factors — are considered unimportant and secondary. Here in lies a certain resemblance to Marxism, at least in so far as its theoretical side alone is kept in view. The individual is degraded to a mere instrument; he becomes "human material. The normal ends of human aspiration vanish with such a viewpoint. Instead, the military mentality raises "naked power" as a goal in itself — one of the strangest illusions to which men can succumb.

(from *The American Scholar*, 1947)

Few people are capable of expressing with equanimity opinions which differ from the prejudices of their social environment. Most people are even incapable of forming such opinion.

Ibid.

The enlightened man, is a man in his maturity, in his perfection, who is capable of pursuing his own happiness; because he has learned to examine, to think for himself, and not to take that for truth upon the authority of others, which experience has taught him examination will frequently prove erroneous.

Paul Henry Thiry d'Holbach  
French Baron

Democracy: A mockery that mouths the word and obstructed every effort on the part of an honest people to establish a government for the welfare of the people.

Charles E. Coughlin  
American priest

Make no law whatever concerning speech, and speech will be free; so soon as you make a declaration on paper that speech shall be free, you will have a hundred lawyers proving that "freedom does not mean abuse, nor liberty license;" and they will define and define freedom out of existence.

Let the guarantee of free speech be in every man's determination to use it, and we shall have no need for paper declarations.

On the other hand, so long as the people do not care to exercise their freedom, those who wish to tyrannize will do so; for tyrants are active and ardent, and will devote themselves in the name of any number of gods, religious and otherwise, to put shackles upon sleeping men.

Voltaire de Cleyre (1886-1912)  
American poet

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world; and that is an idea whose time has come.

Victor Hugo (1802-1885)  
French poet

People do not lack strength, they lack will.

Ibid.

Use against heretics the spiritual sword of excommunication, and if this doesn't prove effective, use the material sword.

Innocent III (1161-1216)  
Pope

I am one of those who do not believe that a national debt is a national blessing, but rather a curse to the republic; in as much as it is calculated to raise around the administration a moneyed aristocracy dangerous to the liberties of the country.

Andrew Jackson (1767-1845)  
7th President of the United States

My aim is the re-establishment of the worship of men.

Gabriele d'Annunzio (1863-1938)  
Italian military leader

Power abdicates only under stress of counter-power.

Martin Buber (1878-1965)  
Israeli theologian

I have always said that if Great Britain were defeated in war I hoped we should a Hitler to lead us back to our rightful position among the nations.

Winston Churchill  
English Statesman

There is to me something profoundly affecting in large masses of men following the lead of those who do not believe in men.

Walt Whitman (1819-1892)  
American poet

He who will not reason is a bigot; he who cannot is a fool; and he who dares not is a slave.

William Drummond (1585-1640)  
Scottish historian

Fascism in America will attempt to advance under the banner of Americanism and anti-Fascism.

Georgi Dimitrov (1882-1949)  
Bulgarian Communist leader

Whatever men attempt, they seem driven to overdo. I always repeat to myself, "Two and two sill make four, and no one has ever invented a way of getting something for nothing."

Bernard M. Baruch (1870-1965)  
American financier

The true right to a country — as to anything else — springs not from political or court authority, but from work.

David Ben-Gurion (b. 1886)  
Israeli Prime minister

The herd instinct makes the average man afraid to stand alone; he is always afraid to stand alone for an idea, no matter how good, simply as a matter of prejudice. Our herd, like every other herd, when stampeded is liable to trample under its feet anybody who does not run with it.

Victor Berger (1860-1929)  
Socialist leader

The desire for peace has rendered most civilized nations anaemic, and marks a decay of spirit and political courage.

Friedrich A.J. von Bernhardi (1849-1930)  
German general

The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

Omar Bradley (1893 - )  
American general

The social justice for which we are striving is an incident of our democracy, not the main end.

Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941)  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Labor cannot on any terms surrender the right to strike. (1913)

Ibid.

Crushing truths perish by being acknowledged.

Albert Camus (1913-1960)  
French novelist - Nobel Prize, 1957

How useless oaths are has been shown by experience, for every judge will bear me out when I say that no oath has ever yet made any criminal speak the truth; and the same thing is shown by reason, which declares all laws to be useless, and consequently injurious which are opposed to the natural sentiments of man.

Cesare Bonesana di Beccaria (1738-1794)  
Italian economist

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Democratic Party is the friend of labor and the laboring man, and pledges itself to protect him alike against the corrupt and the commune.

The Democratic Party stands for democracy; the Republican Party has drawn to itself all that is aristocratic and plutocratic.

The Republican Party is the party of privilege and private monopoly.

National Platform, 1880

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

We declare our opposition to all combination of capital, organized as trusts or otherwise.

National Platform, 1888

The trend of Democracy is toward Socialism, while the Republican party stands for a wise and regulated individualism. Socialism would destroy wealth; Republicanism would prevent its abuse.

Ibid. (1908)

It is a tragic paradox when the path of righteousness becomes the road to lawlessness. But the right to rebel is an elemental human right to repress rebellion is an elemental public right.

Israel Zangwill

To make ideas effective, we must be able to fire them off. We must put them into action... "I will not cease from mental fight," Blake wrote. Mental fight means thinking against the current, not with it. The current flows fast and furious. It issues a spate of words from the loudspeakers and the politicians. Every day they tell us that we are a free people fighting to defend freedom. That is the current that has whirled the young airman up into the sky and keeps him circulating there among the clouds. Down here, with a roof to cover us and a gas mask handy, it is our business to puncture gas bags and discover the seeds of truth.

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941)  
English author

Liberty is poorly served by men whose good intent is quelled from one failure or two failures or any number of failures, or from the casual indifference or ingratitude of the people, or from the sharp show of the rushes of power, or the bringing to bear of soldiers and cannon or any penal statutes. Liberty relies upon itself, invites on one, promises nothing, sits in calmness and light, is positive and composed, and knows no discouragement.

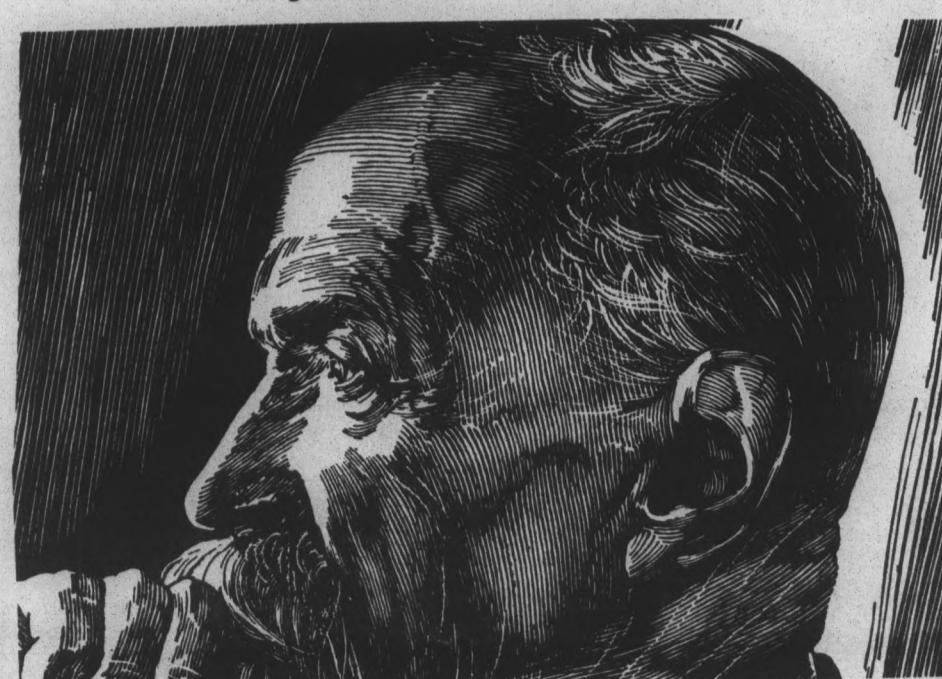
Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

Government over persons is replaced by the administration of things and the direction of the processes of production. The state is not "abolished" it withers away.

Friedrich Engels (1820-1895)  
German Socialist

We may define "right" (i.e., law) as the might of the community. Yet, it, too, is nothing else but violence... it is the communal, not individual, violence that has its way.

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)  
Austrian physician



## Medicare: health system has ills

By William R. Hutton

Medicare is an integral part of our nation's social insurance system. In spite of gaps in coverage for such vital services as chronic and longterm care, routine and preventive measures, and the purchase of prescription drugs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dentures, Medicare is successfully accomplishing what it was designed to do. It has enabled older people who might otherwise not receive adequate health care to receive that care, and thus improve the quality of their later years.

Ironically, however, the people that Medicare was designed to protect are now being punished for some of its successes and failures. Even though Medicare now pays less than 44 percent of the elderly's health care bills, we are alarmed at how frequently we hear the Members of Congress and the Administration say that "the Medicare program cost too much; or "the elderly are consuming too many Federal dollars, too

many health care dollars." A closer look at Medicare reveals that these remarks are misdirected and unjust.

Medicare program costs are increasing about 19 percent each year. The growing elderly population, however, is not the major cause of the rise. Most of it is due to uncontrolled medical inflation (hospital inflation in 1982 was three times higher than the overall Consumer Price index), Medicare's imbalanced payment structure, and a reimbursement system that has not encouraged providers to hold down costs.

The problems of Medicare are directly related to those of the larger health care system, and can be solved only with a system-wide approach. Medicare budget cuts may have net some short term Federal savings over the last two years, but health care cost have continued to rise nonetheless. The outcome of this futile cost-cutting strategy is that those people in greatest need of health care are forced to bear increasingly larger

burdens.

The Reagan Administration has failed to recognize that medical inflation is everybody's problem; the young the old: workers, unemployed people, and retired people; the providers and users of health care; the nation's economy and the Federal budget; the sick as well as the healthy. Instead, the Administration has pursued national policy which pits the old against the young, and the Federal budget against the people while allowing serious problems to grow.

Such unconscionable policy clearly illustrates the urgent need for systemwide cost-saving strategies. The time has come for the Congress to stop tinkering around the edges of our nation's critical health care cost problem. The physical and financial health of senior citizens, of children — of all people — can wait no longer for the change that is desperately needed.

Several plans are currently under consideration and others are being

developed. An effective plan would be targeted to the causes of rising cost. It would call for prospective payment to ensure that the providers take the financial risk for their actions. It would include all payers and all providers in order to avoid cost shifting and to equitably spread the burden. Such a plan would also require the states to participate in cost-control programs.

Senator Edward Kennedy's legislative plan to "Control Health's Escalating Cost" (S.816) would pursue such positive action. The plan acknowledges that hospitals and physicians are the real decision-makers in the system and the major contributors to rising costs.

The Kennedy plan would realize significant Medicare savings but would not do so at the expense of the health or financial security of the elderly. In view of the President's stringent budget cutting as well as projected Medicare deficits, Congress must pursue this kind of rational policy.

### STUDIES FIND

## Breathing other's cigarette smoke endangers health

Hard evidence is mounting that nonsmokers' health is endangered by inhalation of "second-hand" smoke from other people's cigarettes.

"These relatively new studies confirm what scientific common sense suggests: Since the side-stream smoke from the burning end of a cigarette contains the same toxins that the smoker inhales, these toxins affect nonsmokers who breathe them," Dr. Stanton A. Glantz writes in California Medical Association's Western Journal of Medicine for April. He is an associate professor of medicine and a member of the cardiovascular research institute at UC/SF.

He points to a separate article in the Western Journal of Medicine by G.H. Miller, Ph.D., reporting that housewives with long-term exposure to second-hand smoke had twice as many cancer deaths as housewives with little exposure. Dr. Miller is director of Studies on Smoking in Edinboro, Pa.

Dr. Glantz says there already is strong scientific consensus that breathing second-hand smoke has adverse effects on children of smokers and people who have existing disease, and that this cigarette smoke produces many irritating effects, such as headache and burning eyes.

"This work, combined with a new American study that shows a significant association between involuntary smoking and lung cancer, continues to strengthen the case that involuntary smoking is linked with lung cancer in nonsmokers," Dr. Glantz writes.

Although scientists haven't discovered the precise biochemical mechanism by which toxins in tobacco cause cancer, Dr. Glantz says the evidence is strong enough to support the National Academy of Science's recommendation that "Public policy should clearly articulate that involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke has adverse health effects and ought to be minimized or avoided where possible."

## Cocaine use becoming serious health problem

Cocaine use has grown rapidly in recent years and presents an unusually serious health problem in many cities.

"Cocaine is perhaps the most reinforcing or pleasurable drug known. The potential for abuse of cocaine is higher than that for virtually any other drug — particularly among people who have had no previous drug-abuse problems," according to a California Medical Association Health Tip.

The cocaine user experiences euphoria and a feeling of extreme well being. However, these effects do not last long. When euphoria subsides, irritability and weariness set in. Consequently, the user

feels a tremendous desire to take more of the drug, CMA explains.

Cocaine, an odorless white or crystalline powder, usually is "snorted" through the nose but also can be smoked or injected.

"Cocaine used alone and in combination with other drugs is responsible for a number of serious medical complications, some of which can be fatal," the Health Tip warns.

"Large doses of the drug can lead to coma and respiratory difficulties. A large dose of cocaine can also produce seizures and irregular heart beats — a common cause of death among users who overdose."

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## To be, or not to be — the eternal **censored** question

By Anthony T. Podesta

(The writer is the Executive Director of People for the American way.)

The past few years have been productive ones for American censors.

From the highest levels of government to local communities and schools across America, censorship had become a frightening reality. In whatever form it takes — imposing pre-publication restrictions on government officials, blacklisting USIA speakers denying visas to foreign speakers, weakening the Federal Freedom of Information Act, prohibiting press access to the Grenada invasion, "protecting" students from controversial books, courses, and ideas, eliminating textbook coverage of controversial events in American history — the effects of censorship are the same: it stifles the debate and diversity of discussion that traditionally have been the core of our democracy.

The government's efforts to control information and ideas are, according to government spokespersons, in the best interest of the country: The less everybody knows, the better.

Administration officials explained that press coverage of the Grenada invasion was prohibited for fear that the media weren't "on our side." General Maxwell Taylor elaborated the same attitude earlier this year when he said: "I believe strongly that people have a right to know what their forces are doing but not today, not tomorrow, but at the appropriate time." Taylor added that not only is timing crucial to public understanding, but how the news is presented is an important ingredient as well: "If they (the people) get the information in a block, they might well know what to do with it, but when they get it piecemeal, there's just confusion."

In other words: It's dangerous for people to be left to the task of thinking and sorting things out for themselves; they might come to conclusions different from those sanctioned by the government.

The same attitude prevails among those who seek to censor ideas and information from the nation's schools. Students, the censors argue, shouldn't be encouraged to arrive at their own conclusions. Professional Texas censor Norma Gabler has explained the philosophy succinctly: "An idea will never do anyone as much good as a fact... The problem with too many books is that they leave students to make up their own mind about things."

In other words: Students should be taught what to think rather than how. They shouldn't be taught the lessons — the traditional values — that are learned from lively discussions, dissent, and debate.

Last year, for example, in 48 of the 50 states, there were documented attempts to remove a wide variety of library books, textbooks, and courses from the public schools. In a majority of the incidents, the censors' are provoked because the

"questionable" material promoted student discussion and understanding of ideas and competing philosophies.

Library books — such as *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* — were increasingly declared unsuitable because they are "sordid," "dreary," "depressing," or "just plain filthy." The problem is that such books contain ideas that the censors say are "anti-American" or "inChristian."

Textbooks that probe searing social problems also are on the list of the censors. And because such textbooks are economic liabilities, publishers consistently have begun to shy away from text materials that the censors might label "too controversial." The result: textbooks that gloss over — or ignore — controversial periods in American and world history, literature texts that have been purged of controversial stories such as Shirley Jackson's classic, *The Lottery*, sanitized dictionaries that have been cleansed of "offensive" words, and science and biology texts that contain alarmingly little mention of the theory of evolution. (In 1982, one publisher deleted the word "evolution" from the company's only high school biology text. The reason for the omission: "to avoid the publicity that would surround a controversy.")

Controversy, it seems, has become a threat to the censor's view of the American way of life.

If the censors continue to succeed, whether at the national level or in the local schools, our nation will cease to know — and ultimately forget — the value of our democratic traditions of diversity, dissent, and debate. Those who believe in the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment and Bill of Rights would do well to spread the word: Democracy is a risky business. Without controversy and confrontation and open and free debate, there is no way it can survive.



A newspaper is always a weapon in somebody's hands.

Claud Cockburn  
British writer

## Underground publication saves Russian scientist

When Soviet biologist Eugeni Nikolaev publicly refused to attend political classes on Marxism-Leninism, he knew he would be in big trouble. Such classes are mandatory in the Soviet Union for all intellectuals regardless of vocational specialty or level of education. The intellectual sometimes sleep in the required classes, or even avoid them by calling in sick, but publicly refusing to attend is unheard of. The authorities were stunned, even outraged, over Nikolaev's open refusal to attend.

Soon afterwards Nikolaev found himself in a psychiatric prison, and no one knows how long he would have stayed there had not the **Bulletin**, a Samizdat (underground) newsletter, published his story and distributed it abroad to Western scientists who knew Nikolaev through his research in biology. The scientist created such an uproar that Soviet authorities, in an effort to avoid embarrassment, released Nikolaev and allowed him to emigrate to the West. Last year he testified before the World Congress on Psychiatry in Vienna, Austria.

Samizdat publications began popping up in the Soviet Union about 25 years ago at the end of Stalin's era of mass terror. These independent newsletters — with circulations ranging from several carbon copies to several hundred printed copies — publish information about oppression, injustice and economic misery

— information banned from the Gosizdat, or legal press. The early novels of Alexandre Solzhenitsyn were first published by Samizdat.

With the outgoing mail regularly inspected by censors, and items critical of the regime being forwarded to the KGB, Samizdat publications frequently publish letters which otherwise wouldn't make it out of the country. Samizdat publications get out through carefully smuggling channels.

Among the letters published by Samizdat in 1983 were several from concentration camps. In one, a group of prisoners (Camp 389/35) urged the delegation of participants in the Madrid, Spain, International Conference on Human Rights to take a firm stand against Soviet violations of the Helsinki Accord. Another group of political prisoners (Camp #36) addressed their letter to President Reagan, giving a detailed description of the cruel treatment of prisoners by camp authorities.

In addition to the **Bulletin**, other Samizdat publications include **The Chronicle of Current Events**, **Search**, **People's Forum**, **Archives**, **A Woman in Russia**, **Jews in USSR**, **Hope**, and others.

The Soviets call the Samizdat publications, "anti-Soviet propaganda" or "slanderous and mischievous publications distorting the Soviet reality." Samiz-

dat publishes what the Soviets ban in their own media and try to hide from Western media.

Samizdat publishers are still scratching their heads as to why the poetry of Irina Ratushinsky scared the government so badly that the young poetess was sentenced to seven years in prison. Engineer Alexsei Smirov was arrested and sentenced to six years in prison for his involvement with **The Chronicle of Current Events**. When **Search** publisher Valeri Abramkin completed his prison term, he was given an additional sentence without official explanation. **People's Forum** publisher Vladimir Osipov is not allowed to live in Moscow after serving an eight-year sentence.

Those who are caught with the illegal newsletters in their possession get into trouble too. Petr Butov, a young physicist from Odessa, was recently jailed and then exiled for possessing a Samizdat publication. So was Leningrad interpreter Margarita Klimov, Armenian historian Georgi Khomazi, Latvian Baptists Yanis Roskalis and Lidia Doronin, and many others.

So concerned are Soviet leaders over Samizdat that all typewriters — in government offices as well as private homes — are subject to registration by the KGB, which maintains a special archive with samples type to facilitate the hunting down of Samizdat publications. It

appears many Soviet officials are more afraid of typewriters than American missiles.

Dr. Joseph Ioffe, former professor of political science and economics in the Soviet Union, now exiled in Minnesota, has begun compiling and translating the best and most timely news items and editorials from more than a dozen Samizdat publications regularly smuggled out of the USSR. His English translation of the Samizdat material appears in a monthly newsletter called **Samizdat Review**. The May issue features the peace movement in the USSR and how the Soviets are trying to keep it from getting out of control.

"The purpose of the Samizdat Review," said Dr. Ioffe, "is to spread the news of Soviet oppression of its own people in an effort to put pressure on the Soviets to allow more freedom of thought and expression within its borders."

"Making Samizdat available to U.S. subscribers," he added, "will hopefully make it possible for more people like biologist Eugeni Nikolaev to find their way to freedom."

One-year subscriptions (12 issues) can be obtained by sending \$20 to **Samizdat Review**, P.O. Box 1007, Orem, Utah 84057.

Stranger than fiction Part 2

By JEFF DENECKE

If it only happened once it could be labeled an accident. Twice, maybe the word — oversight, would eventually dispel any lingering questions. A third time (if one is a glutton for punishment) we could under-state the issue as a sophisticated, unique and difficult-to-detect aberration.

Eventually, after they exhausts their thesaurus of synonyms for mistakes, they will be left with a heretofore ill-defined reality and the burden associated with a tardy prognosis.

When one looks upon a mountain of injustice it is not: accidents, oversights, difficult-to-detect aberrations, or mistakes that constitute the base. Deception has fooled those who lightly excuse the deceiver who now runs rampant.

This "mountain of injustice" exists solely on the basis that there has been a general acceptance for a spoon-fed pack-of-lies. People allow themselves to be buried because they refuse to acknowledge the scope of "trivialities."

Trivialities is the guise that is presented. A rough analogy would be having a used car salesman tell you the little pinging under the hood is "nothing to worry about" or that the brakes having to be pumped several times to be effective is a "minor thing."

If you don't check under the hood yourself and without question accept a "minor" brake problem; your decisions could prove costly, if not fatal.

The big mistakes at Hartnell has been in trusting the delusion that dwells inside the office of the Superintendent/President. The mistake, more specifically, is in concentrating on position and title rather than in demonstrated substance.

Dr. James R. Hardt, Superintendent/President of Hartnell, in only nine short months at the helm, has demonstrated on numerous occasions a tremendous knack for fabrication, defamation, and defalcation.

Recognition for his tireless support (and sometimes a leading role) belongs to Larry Elder, Dean of Instruction, without whom most of this would be impossible.

## "Commitment" to affirmative action questioned

"The commitment is there!"

Dr. James Hardt, Superintendent-president, recited this; the latest of condescending party slogans, to a highly skeptical audience of concerned community members at the April 17 Board of Trustees meeting.

Hardt was defending Hartnell's commitment to affirmative action from accusations by Hispanic community representatives who charged the program is in a "retreat."

Recent action by the Hardt administration believes this "commitment" statement:

a) Reduction of the only two Associate Dean positions held by women to a "Director" status.

b) Reduction of the position of the Dean of Student Services, currently held by one of only two Hispanic Deans, also to a Directorship.

c) Total elimination of the Media Specialist/librarian position that is presently held by the only black male faculty member on the Hartnell campus.

## The many faces of - B S

In recognition of their "trivialness" I recap the following:

When we last left you (**New Guard**, Dec. 15), Dr. Hardt was embattled against representatives of the Salinas Performing Arts and private dance studio owners.

The private sector wanted Hartnell to reduce the size of its controversial children's dance program and raise the fees so that they could better compete with the college. This, they said, would only be honoring past agreements concerning program growth.

One of the private sector instructors, Joann Adair, had written numerous political types to state this grievance.

Eric Seastrand, Assemblyman of the 29th District, contacted Hardt's office and requested a situation report. Hardt returned a letter to Seastrand saying that an arrangement had been worked out. Seastrand wrote Adair to say he was glad to be of service and happy that things had worked out.

Seastrand's letter to Adair was dated Nov. 30, but no "arrangement" had been worked out since the governing board meeting to resolve this issue was not scheduled until Jan. 17.

This trivial "accident" is raised in status when compounded by other similar ingredients already documented in the Dec. 15 issue. Briefly they are: Hardt's inaccurate description of an eight-point agreement with the private sector as an information item to the board of trustees at the Dec. 6 meeting; an erroneous statement by Hardt (which he denied making while six other people remember otherwise) where he claimed to have spoken to and received assurances from a local pediatrician and orthopedic surgeon in regards to Hartnell's practice of allowing young children to dance "en pointe" at an early age.

This counterplot was in opposition to the position taken by the private sector who, besides their experience in such matters, also possessed written documentation from respected medical

personnel of this field of study who warned of such dangers.

At the governing board meeting on Jan. 17, Hardt informed the trustees that private sector instructors were unaffected by Hartnell's program (except Adair) and that several of them gave the college program their blessings.

The thrust of this statement was to reduce the most outspoken opponent of the programs unchecked growth to the status of a petty, vindictive individual, bent on finding a scapegoat for the failings of her program.

These suppositions have as many flaws as a sieve has holes.

According to Hardt at the Jan. 17 meeting, he had been in contact with Kristina Martin-Smith, one of the private sector instructors, the day prior to this meeting. In relaying this conversation to the board members Hardt described Smith as being a staunch supporter of the Hartnell program.

Smith, when questioned later about her position, said she was surprised because not only did she not tell Hardt any such thing, but that it had been months since she had last spoken with him. Therefore the alleged conversation never took place.

Smith also sent a statement refuting Hardt's statements to all board members and has yet to receive a reply. Hardt has been proven absolutely accurate in his assumptions concerning the gullibility of the governing board members.

Hardt created a little mass hysteria by portraying Adair as a person out to destroy the children's program. Olga Drumev, Hartnell ballet instructor, became infected with this fear and spread it to her students who in turn passed it to their parents who became overly self-righteous and indignant that someone would want to deprive their child of such an opportunity.

So the parents came to the board meeting to tell the trustees how good a teacher Drumev is and how much more they would like Hartnell if the program was kept intact.

The issue was not the capabilities of Drumev. The private sector agreed that Drumev is a fine teacher of ballet. The point of "unfair competition" was lost on the trustees who were also victims of one man's hysteria.

Hardt once approached me in the college cafeteria concerning my "disruption" (alleged) of a children's dance class taught by Drumev.

Hardt was frothing mad about this "harassment" (alleged) of both instructor and student. He created a verbal picture in which I acted as a forensic bully to these little girls in tutus.

When I denied this to him he frothed even more and warned me sternly of "consequences" if I continued to disrupt.

I have never been intimidated by a jackal before and this time was no different. They are, however, a strangely amusing sight when they exaggerate a frenzy.

I have heard Hardt described as "innovative" by a member of Hartnell's hierarchy. Scare tactics and puppeteering are not my idea of innovation.

Hardt will make some changes around Hartnell. He already has made many with noticeable effect. In his lust for power he made no bones about attempting to smear Merv Sweigert's reputation.

The damn worthless board of trustees accepted Merv's "resignation" in their usual apologetic fashion. If the trustees spent half the effort into looking into the cause and effect of some of the items placed on the agenda as they do in figuring out a way to sound like they support the latest administrative position, then maybe the pendulum of "innovation" might begin its upward swing.

From Merv's resignation Hartnell saves the difference of paying someone at the top of the scale of a management position to someone at ground floor.

Hartnell students really pay for the new inept management by virtue of higher prices (immediately introduced after Merv's departure), shortages in food, and less accessibility to the cafeteria itself due to shorter hours. Particularly galling is the fact that the cafeteria will once again be closed down completely during finals.

I am sick of Hartnell's brand of "innovation" which in practice is as hollow as it sounds. Around here this innovation means cuts in programs, cuts in services, and cuts in positions (meaning people) that really are of the most direct benefit to the student.

The May 8, board meeting found Hartnell type "innovation" in full swing with the elimination of library/media services position, held by Fred Anderson. The reduction of Greg Brown's, top-notch counselor, workload to 40 percent.

Hardt claimed he was .4 to the plus side on counselors, since the Ft. Ord position was recently vacated, but this turned out to be another technicality as it was pointed out there was still one full position shortage as a result of lay-off last year.

At the beginning of this year Hardt informed me that he didn't believe that a student newspaper was necessarily a

commodity to a college. Is it hard to see why he feels that way? He says he wants the college to project a positive image.

A great false cosmetic idol. Created by the manipulation of trivialities.

For those of you who preach that a new president should be granted one year of "carte blanche" I say you are preaching a criminal policy. Who scared you?

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